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Attorney Docket No. P27587In re application of: Shelton E. HARRISON, Jr. et al.Application No. : 09/848,639Filed : May 3, 2001**Mail Stop Amendment**Group Art Unit : 3628For : **ELECTRONIC BOND & GURANETY PROCESS AND BUSINESS METHOD**Examiner : NGUYEN**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Election with Traverse** in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

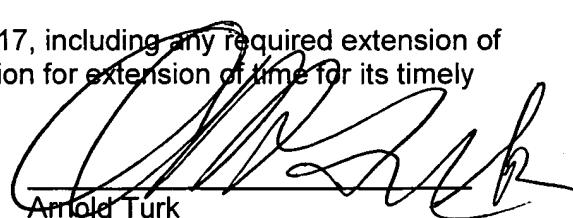
A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims After Amendment	No. Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
			Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total Claims: 82	*82	0	x25=	\$0.00	x 50=	\$
Indep. Claims: 21	**21	0	x100=	\$0.00	x200=	\$
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+180=	\$0.00	+360=	\$
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 Please charge my Deposit Account No. 19-0089 in the amount of \$_____. A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the filing/extension fee is included. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3)).


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Sir :

This is in response to the requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 28, 2005, which sets a one month shortened statutory period for response until November 28, 2005.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to the expiration of the one month shortened statutory period for response, whereby an extension of time should not be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully requested in view of the remarks which follow: